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**TRANSMITTAL OF NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(B)**

Sir:

Please find enclosed a prepared Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) establishing Schneider (USA) Inc. as the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified patent application, as well as the previously submitted Assignment documents. Please also find enclosed a new Power of Attorney executed by Assignee giving Power of Attorney to Hoffmann & Baron, LLP.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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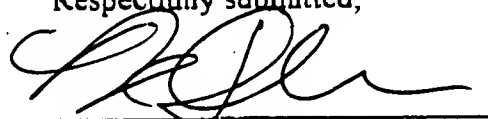
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Schneider (USA) Inc., a Minnesota corporation, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-identified patent application, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 18, 1996 at Reel 8310/Frame 0415.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Feb 7, 00

  
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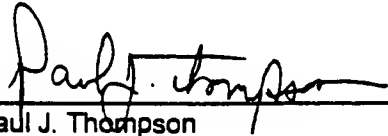
For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Paul J. Thompson of 9125 40 and 1/2 Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55427, Hennepin County, U.S.A. hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto **SCHNEIDER (USA) INC**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal office located at 5905 Nathan Lane, Plymouth, Minnesota 55442, the entire right, title, and interest in and to my application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed the 15th day of November, 1996 entitled

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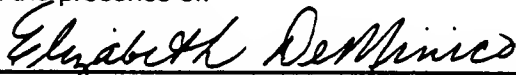
and my entire right, title, and interest in and to all my inventions, whether joint or sole, disclosed in said application for Letters Patent, and in and to all applications filed for Letters Patent for any of said inventions in any country, and in and to all patents granted on the foregoing applications, and we hereby agree, whenever requested, to communicate to said assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said inventions, to testify in any legal proceeding, and to execute all applications or papers necessary to obtain and maintain proper patent protection on said inventions in all countries.

Signed and witnessed this 15 day of November, 1996

at Plymouth, MN  
(City, State)

  
Paul J. Thompson

In the presence of:

  
(Witness as to Paul J. Thompson)

Elizabeth M. DeMinico  
(Typed or Printed Name of Witness)

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**NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE**  
**(INCLUDING REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above-identified application, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked. The following attorneys are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this matter:

Charles R. Hoffmann, Reg. No. 24,102; Ronald J. Baron, Reg. No. 29,281; Gerald T. Bodner, Reg. No. 30,449; Alan M. Sack, Reg. No. 31,874; A. Thomas Kammer, Reg. No. 28,226; R. Glenn Schroeder, Reg. No. 34,720; Glenn T. Henneberger, Reg. No. 36,074; Irving N. Feit, Reg. No. 28,601; Anthony E. Bennett, Reg. No. 40,910; Gregory A. Bachmann, Reg. No. 41,593; Steven T. Zuschlag, Reg. No. 43,309; Susan A. Sipos, Reg. No. 43,128; Samir R. Patel, Reg. No. 44,998; James F. Harrington, Reg. No. 44,741; Kevin E. McDermott, Reg. No. 35,946; Rodrick S.W. Turner, Reg. No. 38,639; Robert C. Morriss, Reg. No. 42,910; Richard LaCava, Reg. No. 41,135; Robert L. Bernstein, Reg. No. P-46,020; and Justin K. Holmes, Reg. No. 42,666, each of them of HOFFMANN & BARON, L.L.P., 6900 Jericho Turnpike, Syosset, New York 11791; and Daniel A. Scola, Jr., Reg. No. 29,855; Salvatore J. Abbruzzese, Reg. No. 30,152; Kirk M. Miles, Reg. No. 37,891; Robert F. Chisholm, Reg. No. 39,939;

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The assignee of the entire right, title and interest in this case is Schneider (USA) Inc., by virtue of assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 18, 1996 at Reel 8310, Frame 0415.

Attached to this power is a "Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)".

Respectfully submitted,

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SOLE INVENTOR

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Paul J. Thompson, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of New Hope, Minnesota U.S.A.; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention or discovery in

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described and claimed in the attached United States patent application, that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that I acknowledge that I have a duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to herein; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention or discovery has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

NONE

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon;

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And I hereby appoint PETER C. RICHARDSON, Reg. No. 27,526; ALLEN J. SPIEGEL, Reg. No. 25,749; AARON PASSMAN, Reg. No. 26,783; GEZINA HOLTRUST, Reg. No. 28,222; J. TREVOR LUMB, Reg. No. 28,567; LAWRENCE C. AKERS, Reg. No. 28,587; RAYMOND W. AUGUSTIN, Reg. No. 28,588; SEYMOUR G. BEKELNITZKY, Reg. No. 28,589; PAUL H. GINSBURG, Reg. No. 28,718; MARK DRYER, Reg. No. 28,775; ELIZABETH O. SLADE, Reg. No. 29,011; JOHN L. LAPIERRE, Reg. No. 29,185; JAMES T. JONES, Reg. No. 30,561; GREGG C. BENSON, Reg. No. 30,997; A. DEAN OLSON, Reg. No. 31,185; ROBERT F. SHEYKA, Reg. No. 31,304; HOWARD R. JAEGER, Reg. No. 31,376; GROVER F. FULLER, JR., Reg. No. 31,760; MERVIN E. BROKKE, Reg. No. 32,723; KAREN DEBENEDICTIS, Reg. No. 32,977; VALERIE M. FEDOWICH, Reg. No. 33,688; PHILIP C. STRASSBURGER, Reg. No. 34,258; BRYAN C. ZIELINSKI, Reg. No. 34,462; LORRAINE B. LING, Reg. No. 35,251; ROBERT T. RONA, Reg. No. 36,257; GARTH BUTTERFIELD, Reg. No. 36,997; JOHN D. CONWAY, Reg. No. 39,150; B. TIMOTHY CREAGAN, Reg. No. 39,156; CARL J. GODDARD, Reg. No. 39,203 and ALAN L. KOLLER, Reg. No. 37,371; of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017-5755, my agents with full power of substitution, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

And I hereby request that all correspondence in this application be directed to PETER C. RICHARDSON, Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017-5755.

Wherefore I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney.

Signed the 15 day of November 1996

Inventor Paul J. Thompson  
Paul J. Thompson

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